

2017 TAYSHAS High School Reading List

Recommended reading list designed to motivate young adults in grades 9-12 to become lifelong readers and to read for the pleasure of reading.

Author	Title, Call Number & Brief Description
Aher, Cecelia	Flawed YA SF AHER In a future society where 'flawed' people who have committed crimes are branded with an F, a young girl takes a stand.
Avery, Lara	The Memory Book YA F AVERY When a rare genetic disorder brings dementia, steals away her memories, and produces physical deterioration, a high school valedictorian with big plans to flee her small town records notes in a journal to her future self, documenting moments great and small.
Aveyard, Victoria	Red Queen YA SF AVEYARD Mare Barrow's world is divided by blood those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities. Mare is a Red, scraping by as a thief in a poor, rural village, until a twist of fate throws her in front of the Silver court.
Bardugo, Leigh	Six of Crows YA SF BARDUGO Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destructionif they don't kill each other first.
Berry, Julie	The Passion of Dolssa YA F BERRY In mid-thirteenth century Provence, Dolssa de Stigata is a fervently religious girl who feels the call to preach, condemned by the Inquisition as an "unnatural woman," and hunted by the Dominican Friar Lucien who fears a resurgence of the Albigensian heresy; Botille is a matchmaker trying to protect her sisters from being branded as gypsies or witchesbut when she finds the hunted Dolssa dying on a hillside, she feels compelled to protect her, a decision that may cost her everything.
Blake, Kendare	Three Dark Crowns F BLAKE On the night of their sixteenth birthday, a set of triplet sisters, each born a queen with her own unique magical power, must fight each other to the death with the last queen standing getting the crown.
Buxbaum, Julie	Tell Me Three Things Interlibrary Loan Sixteen-year old Jessie, still grieving over her mother's death, must move from Chicago to "The Valley," with a new stepfamily but no new friends until an anonymous fellow student emails and offers to help her navigate the school's treacherous social waters.
Caleb, Roehrig	Last Seen Leaving Interlibrary Loan



	Flynn's girlfriend is missing, and people are suspecting him of knowing
	something, so he struggles to uncover her secrets as he must also face the truth about himself.
Cameron, Sharon	The Forgetting YA SF CAMERON Canaan is a quiet city on an idyllic world, hemmed in by high walls, but every twelve years the town breaks out in a chaos of bloody violence, after which all the people undergo the Forgetting, in which they are left without any trace of memory of themselves, their families, or their livesbut somehow seventeen-year-old Nadia has never forgotten, and she is determined to find out what causes it and how to put a stop to the Forgetting forever.
Cavallaro, Brittany	A Study in Charlotte Interlibrary Loan Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson descendants, Charlotte and Jamie, students at a Connecticut boarding school, team up to solve a murder mystery.
Chee, Traci	The Reader YA F CHEE Set in a world where reading is unheard-of, Sefia makes use of a mysterious object to track down who kidnapped her aunt Nin and what really happened the night her father was murdered.
Chokshi, Roshani	The Star-Touched Queen YA F CHOKSHI Sixteen-year-old Maya's arranged marriage turns out much better than she expected, but her husband's magicand her curiositymay threaten more than her life.
Donnelly, Jennifer	These Shallow Graves YA M DONNELLY A young woman in nineteenth-century New York City must struggle against gender and class boundaries when her father is found dead of a supposed suicide, and she believes there is more than meets the eye, so in order to uncover the truth she will have to decide how much she is willing to risk and lose.
Elliott, Kate	Court of Fives YA SF ELLIOTT When a scheming lord tears her family apart, Jessamy must rely on her friendship with a high-ranking Patron boy and her skill at the athletic competition Fives to save her father's reputation and protect her Commoner mother and mixed-race sisters.
Federle, Tim	The Great American Whatever Interlibrary Loan Teenaged Quinn, an aspiring screenwriter, copes with his sister's death while his best friend forces him back out into the world to face his reality.
Gilbert, Kelly Loy	Conviction YA F GILBERT A compelling memoir about one woman's discovery of the true meaning of motherhood.
Glasgow, Kathleen	Girl in Pieces YA F GILBERT



	Charlotte Davis is in pieces. At seventeen she's already lost more than most people lose in a lifetime. But she's learned how to forget. The thick glass of a mason jar cuts deep, and the pain washes away the sorrow until there is nothing but calm. You don't have to think about your father and the river. Your best friend, who is gone forever. Or your mother, who has nothing left to give you. Every new scar hardens Charlie's heart just a little more, yet it still hurts so much. It hurts enough to not care anymore, which is sometimes what has to happen before you can find your way back from the edge.
Goodman, Alison	The Dark Days Club YA F GOODMAN In April 1812, as she is preparing for her debut presentation to Queen Charlotte, Lady Helen Wrexhall finds herself in the middle of a conspiracy reaching to the very top of society, and learns the truth about her mother, who died ten years ago.
Hall, Tim	Shadow of the Wolf Interlibrary Loan Robin Loxley encounters a werewolf in the woods and returns home days later to discover that his family, believing him dead, have left the village. Six months later he meets the young and rebellious Lady Marian.
Hamilton, Alwyn	Rebel of the Sands YA SF HAMILTON Amani is desperate to leave the dead-end town of Dustwalk, and she's counting on her sharpshooting skills to help her escape. But after she meets Jin, the mysterious rebel running from the Sultan's army, she unlocks the powerful truth about the desert nation of Miraji and herself.
Hand, Cynthia	My Lady Jane Interlibrary Loan Edward is the King of England. He's also dying, which is inconvenient, as he's only sixteen and he'd rather be planning his first kiss than who will inherit his crown. Jane, Edward's cousin, is far more interested in books than romance. Unfortunately, Edward has arranged to marry her off to Gifford secure the line of succession. And Gifford is, well, a horse. That is, he is an Eðian (eth-y-un, for the uninitiated) who becomes a chestnut steed every morning, but wakes as a man at dusk, with a mouthful of hay. Very undignified. The plot thickens as the three are drawn into a dangerous conspiracy, and have to engage in some conspiring of their own. But can they pull off their plan before it's off with their heads?
Hartzler, Aaron	What We Saw YA F HARTZLER The story of a town torn apart by the events surrounding the rape of a drunk girl at a house party, from the perspective of the partygoers who witnessed it.
Headley, Maria Dahvana	Magonia Available on Hoopla Aza Ray Boyle's life has been defined by a unique lung disease and her evolving friendship with Jason, but just before her sixteenth birthday, she is swept up into the sky-bound world of Magonia and discovers her true identity.
Hitchcock, Bonnie-Sue	The Smell of Other People's Houses <u>Interlibrary Loan</u>



	Growing up in Alaska in the 1970s isn't like growing up anywhere else: Don't think life is going to be easy. Know your place. And never talk about yourself. Four vivid voices tell intertwining stories of hardship, tragedy, wild luck, and salvation.
Hutchinson, Shaun David	We Are the Ants YA SF HUTCHINSON Abducted by aliens periodically throughout his youth, Henry Denton is informed by his erstwhile captors that they will end the world in 144 days unless he stops them by deciding that humanity is worth saving.
Jennings, Jazz	Being Jazz 92 JENNINGS Teen activist and trailblazer Jazz Jenningsnamed one of "The 25 most influential teens" of the year by Timeshares her very public transgender journey, as she inspires people to accept the differences in others while they embrace their own truths.
Johnston, E.K.	Exit, Pursued by a Bear YA F JOHNSTON At cheerleading camp, Hermione is drugged and raped, but she is not sure whether it was one of her teammates or a boy on another team. In the aftermath she has to deal with the rumors in her small Ontario town, the often awkward reaction of her classmates, the rejection of her boyfriend, the discovery that her best friend, Polly, is gay, and above all the need to remember what happened so that the guilty boy can be brought to justice.
Jude, Sarah	The May Queen Murders YA F JUDE When her beloved cousin goes missing after a May Day celebration, sixteen- year-old Ivy discovers that both her cousin and her hometown in the Missouri Ozarks are as full of secrets as the woods that surround them.
Kaufman, Amie	Illuminae YA SF KAUFMAN The planet Kerenza is attacked, and Kady and Ezra find themselves on a space fleet fleeing the enemy, while their ship's artificial intelligence system and a deadly plague may be the end of them all.
Kennedy, Katie	Learning to Swear in America Interlibrary Loan Brought over from Russia to help NASA prevent an asteroid from colliding with Earth, seventeen-year-old physics genius Yuri feels awkward and alone until he meets free-spirited Dovie.
Kephart, Beth	This is the Story of You YA F KEPHART Seventeen-year-old Mira lives in a small island beach town off the coast of New Jersey year-round, and when a devastating superstorm strikes she will face the storm's wrath and the destruction it leaves behind alone.
Klass, David	Losers Take All Interlibrary Loan At a sports-crazy NJ high school where all kids must play on a team, a group of rebels start a soccer team designed to undermine the jock-culture of the school.
Kraus, Daniel	The Death and Life of Zebulon Finch <u>Available on Hoopla</u>



	The story follows Zebulon Finch, a teenager murdered in 1896 Chicago who inexplicably returns from the dead and searches for redemption through the ages.
Lackey, Mercedes	YA SF LACKEY They came after the Diseray. Some were terrors ripped from our collective imaginations, remnants of every mythology across the world. And some were like nothing anyone had ever dreamed up, even in their worst nightmares. Monsters. Long ago, the barriers between our world and the Otherworld were ripped open, and it's taken centuries to bring back civilization in the wake. Now, the luckiest Cits live in enclosed communities, behind walls that keep them safe from the hideous monsters fighting to break through. Others are not so lucky. To Joyeaux Charmand, who has been a Hunter in her tight-knit mountain community since she was a child, every Cit without magic deserves her protection from dangerous Othersiders. Then she is called to Apex City, where the best Hunters are kept to protect the most important people. Joy soon realizes that the city's powerful leaders care more about luring Cits into a false sense of security than protecting them. More and more monsters are getting through.
Laure, Estelle	This Raging Light Interlibrary Loan Seventeen-year-old Lucille is struggling to get through each day, paying bills and looking after her little sister, Wren, while her father is institutionalized after a breakdown and her mother is "on vacation," but nothing else seems to matter when she is with Digby Jones, her best friend's twin brother.
Louis, Bayard	Lucky Strikes Interlibrary Loan Set in Depression Era Virginia, this is the story of orphaned Amelia and her struggle to keep her siblings together.
Lubar, David	Character, Driven Interlibrary Loan In his last year of high school, seventeen-year-old virgin Cliff Sparks has to figure out what to do with his life, including how to meet new girl Jillian and how to deal with old issues with his unemployed father.
Mabry, Samantha	A Fierce and Subtle Poison Available on Hoopla Spending the summer with his hotel-developer father in Puerto Rico, seventeen-year-old Lucas turns to a legendary cursed girl filled with poison when his girlfriend mysteriously disappears.
Mackler, Carolyn	Infinite in Between Available on Hoopla Zoe, Jake, Mia, Gregor, and Whitney meet at high school freshman orientation. At the end of that first day, they make a promise to reunite after graduation. So much can happen in those in-between years Zoe feels like she will live forever in her famous mother's shadow. Jake struggles to find the right connections in friendship and in love. Mia keeps trying on new identities, looking for one that actually fits. Gregor thought he wanted to be more than just a band geek. And Whitney seems to have it all, until it's all falling apart around her.
McCarthy, Cori	You Were Here YA F MCCARTHY



	On the anniversary of her daredevil brother's death, Jaycee breals into Jake's favorite hideout, an abandoned insane asylum, where her eccentric friends challenge her to rediscover buried parts of herself.
McGinnis, Mindy	The Female of the Species Interlibrary Loan Alex Craft knows how to kill someone. And she doesn't feel bad about it. When her older sister, Anna, was murdered three years ago and the killer walked free, Alex uncaged the language she knows best. The language of violence.
McLemore, Anna-Marie	The Weight of Feathers YA SF MCLEMORE Lace Paloma and Cluck Corbeau, from feuding families of traveling performers, fall in love.
Mead, Richelle	The Glittering Court YA SF MEAD For a select group of girls, the Glittering Court offers a shot at a life they've only ever dreamed of, one of luxury, glamour, and leisure. To high-born Adelaide, whose wealthy family is forcing her into a loveless marriage, the Glittering Court represents something else the chance to chart her own destiny, and adventure in an unspoiled, prosperous new land across the sea.
Medina, Meg	Burn Baby Burn YA F MEDINA Nora Lopez is seventeen during the summer of 1977, when New York is besieged by arson, a massive blackout, and a serial killer named Son of Sam. Meg Medina transports us to a time when tempers and temperatures ran high to share the story of a young woman who discovers that the greatest dangers are often closer than we like to admit.
Miranda, Megan	The Safest Lies YA F MIRANDA When Kelsey's agoraphobic mother disappears after years of claiming the kidnappers she escaped from were coming back for her, Kelsey quickly discovers that her mother isn't who she thought she was and she's not the abductor's only target.
Ness, Patrick	The Rest of Us Just Live Here Available on Hoopla What if you aren't the Chosen One? The one who's supposed to fight the zombies, or the soul-eating ghosts, or whatever the heck this new thing is, with the blue lights and the death? What if you're like Mikey? Who just wants to graduate and go to prom and maybe finally work up the courage to ask Henna out before someone goes and blows up the high school. Again. Because sometimes there are problems bigger than this week's end of the world, and sometimes you just have to find the extraordinary in your ordinary life. Even if your best friend is worshiped by mountain lions.
Niven, Jennifer	Holding Up the Universe YA F NIVEN A boy with face blindness and a girl who struggles with weight fall in love.
O'Guilin, Peadar	The Call Available on Hoopla 3 minutes and 4 seconds. The length of time every teenager is 'Called', from the moment they vanish to the moment they reappear. 9 out of 10 children return dead. Even the survivors are changed. The nation must survive.



	Nessa, Megan and Anto are at a training school to give them some chance to fight back. Their enemy is brutal and unforgiving. But Nessa is determined to come back alive. Determined to prove that her polio-twisted legs won't get her killed. But her enemies don't just live in the Grey Land. There are people closer to home who will go to any length to see her, and the nation, fail.
Oliver, Lauren	Replica YA F OLIVER In a book that invites readers to start at either end or alternate between perspectives, Lyra and Gemma get the chance to escape from the protective environments in which they were raised while uncovering secrets about the bioresearch facility that connects them.
Patel, Sonia	Rani Patel in Full Effect Interlibrary Loan Rani Patel, almost seventeen and living on remote Moloka'i island, is oppressed by the cultural norms of her Gujarati immigrant parents. But when Mark, an older man, draws her into new experiences, red flags abound.
Pinkney, Andrea Davis	Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip Through the Motown Sound University Holdings A narrative history of the Motown music label covering the historical context, personalities, and ongoing legacy of the "sound of young America.
Pung, Alice	Lucy & Linh Interlibrary Loan In Australia, Lucy tries to balance her life at home surrounded by her Chinese immigrant family, with her life at a pretentious private school.
Quick, Matthew	Every Exquisite Thing YA F QUICK (Audiobook) Nanette O'Hare, a star student and athlete, is given a mysterious out-of- print cult classic novel by her beloved teacher that sparks the rebel within her, but as she befriends the reclusive author and attempts to insert her true self into the world with wild abandon, Nanette learns the hard way that sometimes rebellion comes at a high price.
Reynolds, Jason & Brendan Kiely	All American Boys YA F REYNOLDS When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend. Told through Rashad and Quinn's alternating viewpoints.
Russo, Meredith	If I Was Your Girl YA F RUSSO Amanda Hardy only wants to fit in at her new school, but she is keeping a big secret, so when she falls for Grant, guarded Amanda finds herself yearning to share with him everything about herself, including her previous life as Andrew.
Savit, Gavriel	Anna and the Swallow Man YA F SAVIT When her university professor father is sent by the Gestapo to a concentration camp, seven-year-old Anna travels the Polish countryside with the mysterious Swallow Man during World War II.



Schlitz, Laura Amy	The Hired Girl YA F SCHLITZ Fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs, just like the heroines in her beloved novels, yearns for real life and true love. But what hope is there for adventure, beauty, or art on a hardscrabble farm in Pennsylvania where the work never ends? Over the summer of 1911, Joan pours her heart out into her diary as she seeks a new, better life for herself because maybe, just maybe, a hired girl cleaning and cooking for six dollars a week can become what a farm girl could only dream of a woman with a future.
Schmidt, Gary D.	Orbiting Jupiter YA F SCHMIDT Jack, 12, tells the gripping story of Joseph, 14, who joins his family as a foster child. Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter, whom he has never seen. When Joseph has begun to believe he'll have a future, he is confronted by demons from his past that force a tragic sacrifice.
Sepetys, Ruta	Salt to the Sea YA F SEPETYS As World War II draws to a close, refugees try to escape the war's final dangers, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull.
Silvera, Adam	More Happy Than Not YA F SILVERA After enduring his father's suicide, his own suicide attempt, broken friendships, and more in the Bronx projects, Aaron Soto, sixteen, is already considering the Leteo Institute's memory-alteration procedure when his new friendship with Thomas turns to unrequited love.
Skye, Evelyn	The Crown's Game YA SF SKYE Vika Andreyeva can summon the snow and turn ash into gold. Nikolai Karimov can see through walls and conjure bridges out of thin air. They are enchanters the only two in Russia and with the Ottoman Empire and the Kazakhs threatening, the Tsar needs a powerful enchanter by his side. And so he initiates the Crown's Game, an ancient duel of magical skill the greatest test an enchanter will ever know. The victor becomes the Imperial Enchanter and the Tsar's most respected adviser. The defeated is sentenced to death. Raised on tiny Ovchinin Island her whole life, Vika is eager for the chance to show off her talent in the grand capital of Saint Petersburg. But can she kill another enchanter even when his magic calls to her like nothing else ever has? For Nikolai, an orphan, the Crown's Game is the chance of a lifetime. But his deadly opponent is a force to be reckoned with beautiful, whip smart, imaginative and he can't stop thinking about her. And when Pasha, Nikolai's best friend and heir to the throne, also starts to fall for the mysterious enchantress, Nikolai must defeat the girl they both love or be killed himself. As long-buried secrets emerge, threatening the future of the empire, it becomes dangerously clear the Crown's Game is not one to lose.
Smith, Amber	The Way I Used to Be YA F SMITH After fourteen-year-old Eden is raped by her brother's best friend, she knows she'll never be the way she used to be.
Starmer, Aaron	Spontaneous



	Interlibrary Loan Mara Carlyle's senior year in high school is going along fine until a classmate spontaneously combusts, bringing the FBI and the attention of the nation to her suburban New Jersey town.
Stork, Francisco X	The Memory of Light YA F STORK When Victoria Cruz wakes up in the psychiatric ward of a Texas hospital after her failed suicide attempt, she still has no desire to live, but as the weeks pass, and she meets Dr. Desai and three of the other patients, she begins to reflect on the reasons why she feels like a loser compared with the rest of her family, and to see a path ahead where she can make a life of her own.
Sullivan, Tara	Bitter Side of Sweet Available on Hoopla Kept as forced labor on a chocolate plantation in the Ivory Coast, Amadou and his younger brother Seydou had given up hope, until a young girl arrives at the camp who rekindles the urge to escape.
Taylor, Janet B.	Into the Dim Interlibrary Loan Sixteen-year-old Hope Walton travels back in time to help rescue her mother, a member of the secret society of time travelers, who is trapped in twelfth-century England in the age of Eleanor of Aquitaine.
Thomas, Kara	The Darkest Corners Interlibrary Loan When her father dies, Tessa is pulled back to the small Pennsylvania town where her life came apart when her father was sent to prison, her mother went to pieces, and her beloved older sister ran away, and where her testimony and that of her now-estranged friend Callie sent a serial killer to death rowa serial killer who may be getting a new trial as long buried secrets come to light.
Watson, Renee	This Side of Home YA F WATSON Twins Nikki and Maya Younger always agreed on most things, but as they head into their senior year they react differently to the gentrification of their Portland, Oregon, neighborhood and the newwhitefamily that moves in after their best friend and her mother are evicted.
Whaley, John Corey	Highly Illogical Behavior Interlibrary Loan Agoraphobic sixteen-year-old Solomon has not left his house in three years, but Lisa is determined to change thatand to write a scholarship-winning essay based on the results.
White, Kiersten	And I Darken YA F WHITE No one expects a princess to be brutal. And Lada Dragwlya likes it that way. Ever since she and her gentle younger brother, Radu, were wrenched from their homeland of Wallachia and abandoned by their father to be raised in the Ottoman courts, Lada has known that being ruthless is the key to survival. She and Radu are doomed to act as pawns in a vicious game, an unseen sword hovering over their every move. For the lineage that makes them special also makes them targets. Lada despises the Ottomans and bides her time, planning her vengeance for the day when she can return to



	Wallachia and claim her birthright. Radu longs only for a place where he feels safe. And when they meet Mehmed, the defiant and lonely son of the sultan, who's expected to rule a nation, Radu feels that he's made a true friend and Lada wonders if she's finally found someone worthy of her passion. But Mehmed is heir to the very empire that Lada has sworn to fight against and that Radu now considers home. Together, Lada, Radu, and Mehmed form a toxic triangle that strains the bonds of love and loyalty to the breaking point.
Winters, Cat	The Steep and Thorny Way Available on Hoopla A sixteen-year-old biracial girl in rural Oregon in the 1920s searches for the truth about her father's death while avoiding trouble from the Ku Klux Klan in this YA historical novel inspired by Shakespeare's 'Hamlet.'
Wright, David and Luc Bouchard	Away Running Available on Hoopla In this novel for teens, Matt and Free meet in Paris where they both play American football on a team in a poverty-stricken suburb where racial tension affects the team.
Wynne-Jones, Tim	The Emperor of Any Place YA F WYNNEJONES When Evan's father dies suddenly, he finds the book his father had been reading, a diary of a Japanese soldier stranded on a Pacific Island during World War II. There was also an American soldier stranded there.
Zentner, Jeff	The Serpent King Interlibrary Loan The son of a Pentecostal preacher faces his personal demons as he and his two outcast friends try to make it through their senior year of high school in rural Forrestville, Tennessee, without letting the small-town culture destroy their creative spirits and sense of self.